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Before the FIELD OF THE INVENTION section, please add the following section heading and new paragraph [0001]:

**STATEMENT OF RELATED APPLICATION**

This is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application 09/820,540, filed March 29, 2001, and entitled "Methods and Structures for Reducing Lateral Diffusion through Cooperative Barrier Layers." <sup>1</sup> NOW U.S. Pat. No. 6,664,137.